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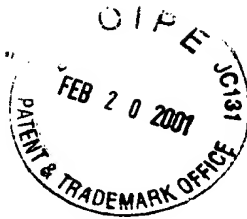


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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

5           The present application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application No. 09/277,424 filed March 26, 1999.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10           The present invention claims the benefit of the United States Provisional Application No. 60/079,652 filed on March 27, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

15           The present invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions, and more particularly to pharmaceutical compositions for oral administration of a medicament, which contain an effervescent agent for enhancing oral drug absorption across the buccal, sublingual, and gingival mucosa.

20           DESCRIPTION OF PRIOR ART

          Effervescent have been shown to be useful and advantageous for oral administration. See Pharmaceutical DosageForms: Tablets Volume I, Second Edition. A. Lieberman. ed. 1989, Marcel Dekker, Inc.  
25           As discussed in this text, and as commonly employed, an effervescent tablet is dissolved in water to provide a carbonated or sparkling liquid drink. See also U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,102,665 and 5,468,504 to Schaeffer, herein